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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/950,003	ORESTE ET AL.	
	Examiner Ganapathy Krishnan	Art Unit 1623	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-62 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-34,38-53 and 56-62 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 35-37, 54 and 55 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

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DETAILED ACTION

The Amendment filed November 25, 2003 has been received, entered into the record and carefully considered. The following information provided in the amendment affects the instant application:

1. Claim 50 has been amended to overcome objection and claim 17 has been amended to overcome 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection.
2. Amendments to specification.
3. Remarks drawn to priority and co-pending application 10/240606.
4. Remarks drawn to rejections under 35U.S.C. 112-second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 102.

Claims 1-62 are pending.

Claim Objection

The objection to claim 50 has been overcome by amendment.

Priority and Co-pending Application

Co-pending application 10/240606 is undergoing preeexam processing and is not assigned to this examiner. Hence it has not been included in the search.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claim 17 has been overcome by amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 35-37, 54 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zoppetti et al (US 6162797) is being maintained for reasons of record.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are not found to be persuasive.

Applicant's argue that the compounds disclosed in the '797 patent show a very high anticoagulant activity while the compound of instant claim 35 obtained by the process as defined in claim 17 show global anticoagulant activity. The compounds of claims 35-37 are thus structurally different from those of the '797 patent and are therefore not anticipated.

Applicant's are arguing that the compounds are not anticipated based on the activity whereas instant claims 35-37 are not drawn to the activity but rather they are product by process claims. Instant claims are not drawn to the structure or the property of the compounds. Since product-by-process claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure implied by the steps, claims 35-37 are product claims and Zoppetti et al ('797) meets the limitations of the product as recited in the claims and the compositions of claims 54 and 55.

The rejection is being maintained.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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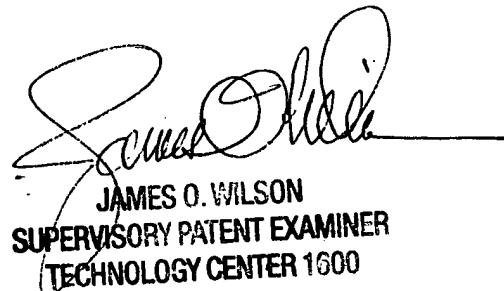
mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ganapathy Krishnan whose telephone number is 571-272-0654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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